(ii) State Governments, where pendency of cases, is high, have been requested to establish exclusive Special Courts for expeditious disposal of cases registered.

(iii) Chief Secretaries of States / UTs have been requested by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for ensuring effective implementation of provisions of the Act and policies as also the delivery of services and justice to the victims and target group.

(iv) Chief Ministers of all States / UTs have been requested to take following steps:—

(a) Issuing suitable instructions to the authorities for implementing the Acts in letter and spirit.

(b) Giving particular attention for maintenance of law and order in the identified atrocity prone areas.

(c) Taking special measures, as deemed necessary to protect the life and property of Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in sensitive areas, where crime rate is high.

(d) Ensure speedy disposal of cases filed to provide timely justice to the affected persons, filing appeal in time in respect of acquittal cases, based on the factual details.

(e) Involving the elected public representatives and non-governmental organizations suitably at State, District, Block and Village level forgiving required protection to the affected persons and implementation of the Act.

(0 Training of personnel especially of the police and investigating agencies as also in procedures, prosecution etc.

(v) Implementation of the Act is reviewed in the annual conference of the State Secretaries of Scheduled Castes Development and Social Welfare Department and the State Secretaries are requested to take effective measures for implementation of the Act.

Compensation to SC/ST victims of atrocities

1471. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AN D EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of atrocities committed on SCs and STs during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps Government have taken to curb atrocities on SCs and STs; and

(c) the compensation paid to the SCs and STs, who are victims of atrocities alongwith the amount, State-wise and case-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during last three years as reported by States/UTs are shown in the statement *{see* below).

(b) The Central Government is taking following measures in co-ordination with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for preventing atrocities against SCs/STs.

(i) Under the Centrally Sponsored scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, central assistance is provided to the State Governments on 50:50 basis and to union Territory administration of 100% basis, for effective implementation of the Act, which include legal aid, appointment of officers for initiating or exercising supervision over prosecution, setting up of Committees, Special Cells, Special Courts, conducting periodic surveys, identification of atrocity prone areas and providing relief and rehabilitation to victims/dependents of atrocity victims.

(ii) State Government, where pendency of cases is high, have been requested to establish exclusive Special Courts for expeditious disposal of cases registered.

(iii) Chief Secretaries of States/UTs have been requested by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for ensuring effective implementation of provisions of the Act and policies as also the delivery of services and justice to the victims and target group.

(iv) Chief Ministers of all States/UTs have been requested to take following steps:—

(a) Issuing suitable instructions to the authorities for implementing the Acts in letter and spirit.

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(d) Ensure speedy disposal of cases filed to provide timely justice to the affected persons, filing appeal in time in respect of acquittal cases, based on the factual details.

(e) Involving the elected public representatives and non-governmental organizations suitably at State, District, Block and Village level for giving required protection to the affected persons and implementation of the Act.

(f) Training of personnel especially of the police and investigating agencies as also in procedures, prosecution etc.

(v) Implementation of the Act is reviewed in the annual conference of the State Secretaries of Scheduled Castes Development and Social Welfare Department and the Secretaries are requested to take effective measures for implementation of Act.

(c) The relief to the victims of atrocity, their family members and dependent is paid by the State governments/Union Territories Administrations in accordance with the "Norms for relief Amount' as prescribed under Rule 12(4) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995. The amount of such relief ranges from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 2,00,000/- depending upon the offence described in the aforesaid rules. Information on relief paid case wise is maintained by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned.

Statement

Number of cases registered under Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the year 1998, 1999 and 2000.

S. No.	States/UTs	1998	1999	2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	540	721	NA
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Assam	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Bihar	1407	1258	568
5.	Chhatisgarh	—	—	NA

S.No.	States/UTs	1998	1999	2000
6.	Goa	2	1	1
7.	Gujarat	2138	1846	1699
8.	Haryana	32	28	54
9.	Himachal Pradesh	15	13	10
10.	Jharkhand	—	—	26
11.	Karnataka	1279	1239	1254
12.	Kerala	716	NA	NA
13.	Madhya Pradesh	4138	3990	4122
14.	Maharashtra	1069	927	793
15.	Manipur	2	NA	NA
16.	Meghalaya	Nil	NU	Nil
17.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil
18.	Nagaland	Nfl	Nfl	Nil
19.	Orissa	1332	i449	1354
20.	Punjab	17	19	34
21.	Rajasthan	6858	6838	6679
22.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil
23.	Tamil Nadu	897	1011	9%
24.	Tripura	Nil	Nfl	Nil
25.	Uttaranchal	—	—	NA
26.	Uttar Pradesh	7095	6917	8462
27.	West Bengal	15	9	14
28.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Nil	1	1
29.	Chandigarh	Nil	Nil	1
30.	Daman & Diu	Nil	1	1
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1	1
32.	Delhi	7	14	15
33.	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	1
34.	Pondicherry	1	2	4
	TOTAL	27,561	26,285	26,090

Note: 1. NA - Not available.
2.The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 does not extend in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.